

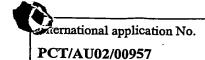
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.							
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5	sheets, including this co	over sheet.					
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).							
These annexes consist of a total of	of sheet(s).						
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:							
I X Basis of the report		·					
II Priority	Priority						
III Non-establishment of op	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
IV X Lack of unity of inventio							
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VI Certain documents cited	rtain documents cited						
VII Certain defects in the inte	ts in the international application						
VIII X Certain observations on t	X Certain observations on the international application						
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I.	Basis of the report				
1.	With regard to the elements of the international application:*				
	X the international application as originally filed.				
	the description, pages, as originally filed,				
	pages, filed with the demand,				
	pages, received on with the letter of				
	the claims, pages, as originally filed,				
	pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,				
	pages, filed with the demand,				
	pages, received on with the letter of				
	the drawings, pages, as originally filed,				
	pages , filed with the demand,				
	pages, received on with the letter of				
	the sequence listing part of the description:				
	pages , as originally filed				
	pages , filed with the demand				
	pages, received on with the letter of				
2.	With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:				
	the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).				
	the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).				
	the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).				
3.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:				
	contained in the international application in written form.				
	filed together with the international application in computer readable form.				
	furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.				
	furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.				
	The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.				
	The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished				
4.	The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:				
	the description, pages				
	the claims, Nos.				
	the drawings, sheets/fig.				
5.	This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**				
:	Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).				
: *	Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report				

IV	· 	Lack of unity of invention			
1.	In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:				
		restricted the claims.			
		paid additional fees.			
		paid additional fees under protest.			
		neither restricted nor paid additional fees.			
2.	X	This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with an not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.	d chose, according to Rule 68.1,		
3.	This	Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules	13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is		
		complied with.			
	X	not complied with for the following reasons:			
		There appears to be 5 inventions claimed.			
		1. Claims 1 to 53 are all directed to a body drier having a housing including an heating means and an air blower.	air chamber a narrow outlet,		
		2. Claims 54 to 56 and 65 to 71 define a method of forming a heating element a element and first and second cards having profiled edges.	utilising a coiled heating		
		3. Claims 57 to 59 are directed to a light conductor and detector for the control	of a body drier.		
		4. Claims 60 and 61 are directed to a fan assembly with at least one pair of air i	flow control wings.		
		5. Claims 62 to 64 disclose a fan assembly with at least one pair of air flow cor	itrol wings.		
		As the search was restricted to claims 1 to 53 no meaningful examination could	d be made on claims 54 to 64.		
i. (Conse	quently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of internation establishing this report:	onal preliminary examination in		
	[all parts.			
	[X the parts relating to claims Nos. 1 to 53.			

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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims 6 to 9, 11 to 53.	YES
		Claims 1 to 5, 10.	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims 11 to 27, 29 to 53.	YES
		Claims 1 to 10, 28.	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 to 53.	YES
		Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty (N) Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.

The following citations disclose all the features of the claims identified alongside:-

WO 90/01287A, WO 91/07900A, DE 19635680A

Claims 1,4,5,10.

JP 2001046277A, GB2020970A, GB2140295A, GB2146522A

Claims 1 to 4.

Further, the explicit teaching of each citation is to employ each device as presently claimed.

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1 to 10 and 28.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 as above.

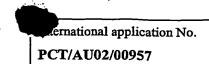
The features added by claims 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 are considered minor improvements and hence are obvious or do not involve an inventive step.

Further claims 1 and 28 are considered not to involve an inventive step in the light of De 19824764.

Industrial Applicability (IA) Claims 1 to 53.

All claims are considered to be industrially applicable.

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 28 is not clear with regard to "the housing element" (line 20) which it has no antecedent it would appear that heating element is meant.